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## THE MARINE CORPS' ATHLETIC POLICY

A NEW POLICY FOR THE BETTERMENT AND STANDARDIZATION OF SERVICE ATHLETICS  
ESTABLISHED BY MARINE CORPS ORDER NUMBER TWO, 1925

### RECORDS TO BE KEPT BY HEADQUARTERS—AWARDS TO BE MADE FOR PROFICIENCY

The Army and Navy have in the past season drawn up certain athletic policies that will be followed in future competitions with other teams.

The Marine Corps has followed suit and has convened a board of four officers at Headquarters Marine Corps known as the Athletic Council, Headquarters Marine Corps, whose purpose it is to establish a policy to govern the standards of Marine Corps athletics.

In the past few years Marine Corps athletics have attained such a high standard that it has become necessary to draw up certain rules and regulations other than those included in the Army and Navy policy to cover meetings with colleges and universities.

At a recent meeting of the Athletic Council at Marine Corps Headquarters the following athletic policy was drawn up and approved by the Major General Commandant.

#### Our Policy

The purpose of this policy is to afford ways and means of recreation and amusement for our personnel, to demonstrate to the public that we are abreast of the times in the development of our men, to maintain even and cordial relations with the other branches of the service, to establish and maintain contact with, and membership in, national organizations which have for their mission promotion and development of physical education, athletic games, and competitions among the citizens of the United States.

All forms of athletics will be controlled generally by Headquarters Marine Corps. The Headquarters Athletic Council will fix the policy and athletic program for the Corps. In posts of regimental strength or better, an athletic council will be appointed by the Commanding Officer.

In posts of less than regimental

strength an athletic officer will be appointed by the Commanding Officer to carry out the functions of the council. Every Marine Corps command serving on shore will have an Athletic Council or Officer. When Marines are serving immediately with the Army and Navy they will, when encouraged to do so, invariably participate in athletic activities of those commands in which they are serving.

In order that this policy may become effective and successful it is necessary that the younger officers and men take an active part in some form of sports. Officers should be leaders in this phase of their duties as well as in the purely military phases.

Such events as football, baseball, basketball, soccer, tennis, rowing, swimming, boxing, wrestling, track and field will be constantly encouraged.

#### Status of Commissioned Personnel

In order that we may be eligible to compete with teams representing the Army and Navy it will be necessary to limit the membership of our football, baseball, basketball and soccer teams, to the presence of one officer in actual competition. The remainder of the team will be composed of enlisted men. When our competitors are teams representing colleges, universities, or other civilian teams, the membership of our teams will represent the best skill available, regardless of rank.

Teams representing posts or organizations will take the name of their station, that is Quantico Marines, San Diego Marines, First Brigade Marines, Portsmouth Navy Yard Marines, etc.

#### Prizes

Prizes and awards invariably promote interest. Profits from Exchanges shall be utilized liberally in this connection and for encouragement and support of athletics.

#### All-Marine Teams

There will be organized and trained at such stations of the Marine Corps as the Major General Commandant may from time to time designate a football and baseball team composed of the best material available, regardless of rank, which team will be designated the "All-Marine Football Team" or "All-Marine Baseball Team," respectively.

Posts of regimental strength or better will invariably conduct inter-organizational competitions. As officers and men demonstrate their degree of skill they will be placed where the Corps' interest will be served best.

From time to time posts will be supplied with experienced officers and men competent to act as coaches.

#### Reports

The Councils and officers mentioned will report to headquarters at the close of the season for each sport, the results of the post performances, together with such recommendations as they desire, on the individual skill of every athlete.

Exact reports are of utmost importance, as men of pronounced skill deserve promotion in an athletic way so that they can be placed in competitions commensurate with their worth. The data from these reports will be used in selecting candidates for the Olympic tryouts.

#### Marine Corps Order No. 2

As a result of these findings and recommendations of the Athletic Council, the Major General Commandant has issued the following Marine Corps Order which will become effective on April 1, 1925, and which will govern this newly established phase of Marine Corps activities.

#### Athletic Tests

(a) The purpose of the plan prescribed

herein is to stimulate athletic activity in harmony with joint plans for physical training in the Army, the Navy, the Citizens' Military Training Camps, institutions of learning and other affiliated elements of the National Amateur Athletic Federation of America.

(b) During the last nine months in each calendar year athletic tests will be held at all Marine Corps posts, stations and barracks by all units not excepted in paragraph 2 (b).

(c) On account of the rigors of weather and of interference with other activities such as maneuvers, which for periods of time may engage the full activities of troops, the Senior Officer Present of the Marine Corps is authorized in his discretion to dispense with the prescribed athletic tests during not more than any three calendar months.

(d) Those stations and organizations which hold the tests for more than nine months in a calendar year will have the nine highest months' records included in commuting their annual standard and the remainder eliminated therefrom.

### Participants

(a) All officers and men will be required to take the tests during at least nine calendar months in each calendar year, with the exception of the following: Officers and men over forty years of age; Officers and men not attached to muster roll units or organizations.

(b) Officers and men attached to the following units are permitted but not required by their immediate or superior commanding officers to take the tests: Staff officers, recruiting bureau and recruiting divisions, depot detachments, U. S. Marine Band, Marine detachments attached to vessels or receiving ships of the Navy, any unit or organization whose authorized complement is fewer than 21 enlisted men.

(c) When individuals of the excepted classes of officers and men voluntarily participate in the tests their records may be included in determining the record of their organizations, and whenever the units or organizations prescribed in paragraph 2 (b) hold these tests and submit the prescribed reports their performances will be considered in determining the relative standing of organizations.

### Events

The following events are prescribed: 100-yard dash, running broad jump, running high jump, bar vault.

These events with the standard values established by the National Amateur Athletic Federation of America, with which the Navy Department and the War Department are affiliated, following a conference on training for citizenship and national defense held in Washington, November 16-18, 1922, will appear later.

### Rules

Except where stated to the contrary herein, or in other regulations or orders issued by the Navy Department or Marine Corps Headquarters, the rules of the Amateur Athletic Union shall govern the tests. These rules are published in No. 12A Spalding's Official Athletic Rules (A. A. U.). For the bar vault the rules for the fence vault will apply.

### Equipment

(a) Stop watches are an article of regular Marine Corps equipment. Any other equipment must be improvised and constructed locally.

### When Held

(a) The tests may be held at any time and any number of times during each month. Each officer and man may take any part of the tests any number of times and his best record made in each event during the month will determine his score in that event for the month.

(b) The performance of any of these events in the presence of and under the supervision of a commissioned or warrant officer constitutes a record test. The field record of the test will be personally made by the supervising officer who will subscribe the field record under the statement, "certified correct." Scores lower than those previously made during the current month need not be recorded in the field record.

### Record

(a) A recapitulation record for each month will be kept by each organization rendering a muster roll and required to hold the tests or whose commanding officer desires or is especially directed by any superior commander to enter into the competition. At the beginning of each month these recapitulation records will begin with the names of all officers and men who are still attached to the organization who are borne on the preceding January, April, July, or October muster rolls, and similarly arranged. To these lists will be added the names of officers and men in the order of their joining. After the names and in ten columns prepared for the purpose will appear the best score for the 100-yard dash, followed by a space for points for that event, and similarly for the other three events; then the total number of points; then the individual average attained by dividing the preceding figure by 4, or in the space provided for these figures will be placed notes explaining the failure to take the tests, such as "over 40 years old," "sick," "A. W. O. L.," "absent," etc.

(b) The recapitulation records for the months of January, April, July, and October will be submitted to the Major General Commandant accompanying the Athletic Test Reports for these months. The field records will be retained with the organization.

The recapitulation records for the other months will be held at the offices of the organization preparing them, subject to inspection or to be called for by the Major General Commandant in connection with the checking of reports upon which are based letters of commendation or mention in published reports.

If the tests are omitted during any month, a statement to that effect will be submitted in lieu of the reports required for the month.

(c) The entries of scores in the recapitulation records may be made in pencil so that the entries may be erased or stricken out to be replaced by better scores made in subsequent tests during the month.

(d) Unless called for the recapitulation records not required herein to be transferred with the January, April, July, and October Athletic Test reports

and all field records will be retained in the files of the organization for two years.

### Reports

(a) After the end of each month and not later than two days after the submission to the muster roll, reports will be submitted by the organizations required to keep recapitulation records.

(b) The Athletic Test Report and the enclosure will be prepared each on a sheet of ordinary 8 by 10½ inch paper.

(c) No printed forms for these reports or for the field records or recapitulation records are furnished.

### Relative Standing

(a) The relative standing of organization will be determined by the competitive figure of merit which is the average of individual averages after eliminating the lowest individual averages of men in excess of 80% of the total number of officers and men attached to the organization during the month.

(b) The elimination of low scores is designed to encourage organizations to develop and test all officers and men, even those not required to take the tests, and at the same time not to handicap them thereby in computing their competitive standing, and also to furnish a device which makes some allowance for men absent on duty or otherwise, or sick or otherwise prevented from taking the test.

(c) If fewer than 80% of the total number attached to the organization taking the test, no elimination of low averages is permitted and then the competitive figure of merit will be computed by dividing the total individual averages of the number of men actually competing by 80% of the total number of officers and men attached to the organization during the month whether that number actually competed or not.

### Statement of Relative Standing

(a) During each month there will be prepared by the Division of Operations and Training, a statement showing the relative standing of the organizations. This statement will include all organizations whose reports have been received since the preparation of the statement of the preceding month. Therefore, this statement will generally include the performance of stations within the United States for the preceding month, and of the more distant stations for the previous months, in which latter cases the statement will show the month of the performance of the distant stations or those with delayed reports.

(b) These statements will be distributed for the files and bulletin boards of all organizations and will be offered for publication.

### Commendation

(a) The organization with the highest standing shown on each statement will receive a commendatory letter, a copy of which will be placed upon the military record of its commanding officer or other officer of the organization named by any superior commander as responsible for the performance.

(b) Each such organization will be called upon for its recapitulation record accompanied by its certified field records to be inspected, checked and filed at Marine Corps Headquarters.

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## Navy Department Bulletin No. 58

In a recent issue of the Bureau of Navigation News Bulletin the following information was given out:

## Naval Registers, 1925

The necessity for economy in expenditures for printing official publications has resulted in a reduction of the authorized number of U. S. Naval Registers from 13,500, as in previous years, to 5,000 for 1925. This will necessitate a marked reduction in the number that can be supplied to each unit of the Naval establishment afloat and ashore, but the Bureau expects to be able to provide a sufficient number to make one available for reference to every officer of the active list on duty.

## Education

The U. S. Navy realizing the value of education makes the following report and recommendations: It has been suggested, as a means of bringing about a more extensive use of the Navy education—study courses—that a centralized educational organization be formed, with an educational office on each coast where the enrollment and other records of enlisted men pursuing courses would be kept. It was also suggested that a closer supervision by this office of the work aboard ships, and that the Certificate of Attainments be issued by this office rather than by the Commanding Officers of men successfully completing courses.

This centralization, however, would require a large clerical overhead, and it would not be practical for a mobile force, and it would be in effect an attempt to force an educational system upon the service. For this reason the Bureau does not favor such a centralized organization.

The following suggestions were made and were agreed upon by the Bureau: (a) that greater emphasis should be given by all officers to the training of enlisted men; (b) that a more definite place in the ship's routine should be given to educational training; (c) that a more extensive use of the Bureau's courses should be made, not only because this will help to standardize training afloat, but will demand far less effort and time on the part of officers, who are necessarily responsible for training the men under them.

## DERE MABEL:

Well Mabel as I tells you in my last letter I has give Norfolk the air and taken charge of this post and all government property in view wich is not nailed down except the property that Jim Fallon has beat me to. Well Mabel I wouldst like to have some of the air wich I give Norfolk as the air hear is cold as the General Accounting Officer's heart. This place is OK if you were borned on Russian Island. The only ones hear wich aint frozen stiff is the Police Officer and the Transportation Officer and they wears sheepskin coats, howsomever I gets along pretty fair as I can keep warm cranking my puddle jumper as the self starter aint what the agency says it was.

The only ones who is happy here is the Lost Battalion wich is going to Guantanamo Bay on the 5th of January. You has probably heard of Guantanamo Mabel as it is near Caminera.

The football team hear is being sent away to other posts to rest up for next season when they will make the 4 horseman of Notre Dame look like 4 Shetland ponies. You has probably noticed that Walter Camp has not published his All-American team yet. Well Mabel the reason is that he aint got the full name of all the men on the Marine team yet. When he gets that he will pick the All-American team.

As you remember Mabel I tells you in my last letter that they wouldnt be much "Noyes" around Baltimore the night of the Marine-Army game; well Mabel that aint half, they wasn't no "Noyes" the hole day.

The Army aint going to play us next year as they is only going to have one officer on the team, but we has figured out a way to fool them. We is going to promote all the officers on the team to Staff Sergeants and beat them just the same.

Every one here was paid befor Xmas so they wouldnt have nothing for New Years day and the CG gave every one leave until January 5, 1925. Everybody is on leave except the Pay Office and the Post Office.

Well Mabel I will close as I has to thaw out the thermometer.

Yours until Congress passes the Omnibus Bill with the 21st amendment.

JACK KEEFE 2ND.

Knit: What is cold boiled ham?

Knat: Oh! Just ham boiled in cold water.—Arizona Who Doo.

## "ROXY" IS APPOINTED A MAJOR IN THE MARINE CORPS RESERVES

S. L. Rothafel, affectionately known as "Roxy" to hundreds of thousands of radio fans all over the United States, was commissioned a Major in the Marine Corps Reserve by Maj. Gen. John A. Lejeune, Commandant of the Marine Corps, recently. The ceremony took place at the Marine Corps Recruiting Station, Madison Square, New York City. The oath was administered by Maj. R. H. Tebbs and the commission delivered in person by Gen. Lejeune, who officially congratulated Maj. Rothafel on his promotion.

It is a fact little known to radio audiences that "Roxy" is an ex-Marine, and nearly twenty years ago was a Sergeant in the famous old-time Marine Corps. After serving his enlistment he entered civilian life and went into the moving picture business, in which he first won national fame. Always retaining a warm affection for the Marine Corps, he came back to that organization at the outbreak of the World War and served as a Lieutenant and later as a Captain until the Armistice.

## OFFICERS' CLUB, D. C.

The need of a Country Club for the officers of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps has been the subject of discussion for years.

A general meeting of officers was recently held and committee was chosen to investigate and report on this subject. The unanimous opinion of the committee is that the old club house situated on the last spur of the Arlington Ridge, near the radio towers and overlooking the city of Washington and the Potomac River, is the ideal spot for such a club.

The club house is a little over three miles from the Navy and Munitions buildings, which distance will be greatly reduced with the completion of the Memorial Bridge.

Fees in the proposed club will be nominal and will afford an opportunity for every officer to join.

The plan of organizing this Country Club is sponsored by many of the flag officers of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps and the Advisory Committee is composed of Rear Admiral Hilary P. Jones, U. S. N., Maj. Gen. John A. Lejeune, U. S. Marine Corps, and Maj. Gen. John A. Hull, U. S. Army.

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## SAILOR-SOLDIERS

By CAPT. J. M. ENOCHS, U. S. Navy,  
Commanding U. S. S. *Chaumont*.

The letter requesting me to write an article for THE LEATHERNECK was received long after it was written at Honolulu on our return trip from the Asiatic. Had I been accustomed to writing newspaper articles, or had I ever written anything for any paper, no doubt I would have responded with one immediately. However, after two years of transport duty, all communications appeal to me more strongly than most anything else in our service. I have seen so much good feeling and good spirit lost and squandered for lack of timely information that I wonder we don't all have more interest in any communication—be it a daily newspaper, ship's paper, or THE LEATHERNECK. You will note I refer to THE LEATHERNECK as a "communication" just as we might refer to an order from the Major General Commandant as a "communication." We get our information from such things, and through them we keep in touch with the official life, social life, and the every day life of our Corps and ships, and of the various posts, activities or what not throughout the naval service. And fortunately, for my feelings in writing, I have always felt that the Marine Corps was a distinct and necessary part of a well balanced naval service.

Since I have referred to "communications," I want to digress a moment. In running this transport I have had much to do with the Army, the Navy, and its component part, the Marine Corps. The Army beats the Navy badly when it comes to looking out for the comfort and welfare of officer personnel. Conversely, we beat them in looking out for our enlisted personnel. The Army officer personnel gets the timely "communication" which enables them to prepare and plan for the future. The officer personnel of the Navy, through force of circumstances, never gets his "papers" until the last minute, and then he rushes his packing, stowing, and moving, which it does appear should be avoided in some way.

Referring to General Feland's article appearing in THE LEATHERNECK, entitled "Soldiers of the Navy," I have always referred to the Marines as "sailor-soldiers," than which there is no better combination anywhere in the world—the handiness and cleanliness of the one, combined with the ready, quick, and spontaneous obedience to orders of the other. There is nothing better than the manual of arms and military drills to develop the latter. Ordinary work and ordinary drills aboard ship, while not requiring this snappy response to an order, do develop the handy, resourceful, and self-reliant qualities of a sailorman. An ideal Marine is a combination of the two and for this reason, to my mind, the Marine Corps is, and has been for many years, the most efficient military organization in the world.

The *Chaumont*, my good ship, lately had the good fortune to transport fifteen hundred Marines with baggage, accoutrement, camp equipment, and what not from Quantico to Culebra. For the reception of the complete party on board the Navy Department allowed four or five days. I knew it could be done in about one day and so requested in official correspondence. All of the stores and equipment, consisting of about thirteen hundred cubic tons, were put on board in one day. In one forenoon the fifteen hundred officers and men came aboard, and we shoved off and sailed away. No doubt the preparation for this expedition had required considerable time and thought, and no doubt should such an expedition be undertaken during the next winter maneuvers there would be less equipment and less work required in other directions. We learn from experience, and the Marines' experience and our experience on this last trip will enable us to shorten the required time for the next one; yet, considering the time stated in receiving this force on board, and the time required to land them and their stores in Culebra—less than twenty-four hours—it doesn't appear that there is much to be improved upon. It might all be summed up by saying they came on board and we sailed merrily away; similarly they left us, and once more we proceeded on our way. You don't do things in this manner unless you prepare for it and think over it. Just here I wish to make the observation; that you don't prepare for the seagoing habit by living on land. You must go to sea to get it! If the Marine is to be a "sailor-soldier," he must not only live on board ship, but sail the seas as well, smell salt water, get a ducking in it now and then, and live under these conditions which develop cleanliness, handiness, resourcefulness, and self-reliance.

If THE LEATHERNECK, through its various communications to the naval service keeps it in touch with its component part, the Marine Corps—we lose interest in one another if we don't keep in touch—and thereby more strongly develop a spirit of mutual co-operation, interest, and inter self-reliance, it will do a great work, not only for the naval

service, but for the country as well, and I sincerely hope its aim in this connection may be consummated.

## SEAGOING MARINE WINS BRIDE

Nothing is too good for a Marine. So when Private (first class) Richard A. Lewis, a member of the U. S. Marine detachment on the U. S. S. *Mississippi*, decided to wed the ceremony was performed with all the surroundings that usually accompany a fashionable wedding, according to an announcement of the affair recently appearing in the *Spokesman-Review* of Spokane, Wash. The bride, formerly Miss Olive Osgood, selected the home of her aunt, Mrs. J. H. Shoemaker, of Seattle, for the ceremony. The room was beautifully decorated in flowers and ferns, and an elaborate dinner was served. The couple were united by Lieut. Forsander, Chaplain of the *Mississippi*, and Pvt. Clyde Edward Furniss, also of the *Mississippi*, acted as best man. Both Marines were in uniform. It was announced that the bride would make her home in Spokane until the groom's enlistment is completed.

## PENNSY MARINES WIN WHALE-BOAT RACE

Leathernecks Add Forty Points to Ship's List for Coveted Iron Man

(Special wire to *The Leatherneck*.)  
San Pedro, Calif., January 17, 1925.—During the past few months the Battle Fleet has been keeping quiet, and as the old saying goes, "Still water runs deep." The Marine Detachment of the U. S. S. *Pennsylvania* came to the forefront today by nosing out all other crews in the Battle Fleet All-Marine Whaleboat race. The winning of this race carries double honors, for not only have the *Pennsy* Marines won the Marine Challenge Cup, but they have piled up a total of forty points toward the Iron man, which is a coveted Athletic Trophy now being held by the *Mississippi*.

Competition has always been keen in the Battle Fleet and we hope to publish more about their sports in the near future.

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## NEW YORK DETACHMENT NO. 1 HOLDS ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Gangway for the Big Town Boys!  
Ye Editor has sent out an "S. O. S." for copy. Far be it from us to disappoint the estimable gent. Publicity is our profession and spreading "apple-sauce" our keenest delight, so—

Clear decks for action!—Music, sound off!

New York Detachment No. 1 assembled at its clubrooms 131 West Sixty-sixth Street last Friday night and elected officers for the coming year. Lieut. Col. Chandler Campbell, commanding the Marine Barracks at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, was reelected Commandant; Frank X. Lambert, First Vice Commandant; Arthur Anderson, Second Vice Commandant, succeeding LeRoy Hagen; Milton Solomon was reelected Paymaster; John H. (Doc) Clifford was reelected Chaplain, and Albert Lages was elected Sergeant-at-Arms to succeed Frederick Rahn.

The officers will be installed at a dinner and dance to be given in their honor on the evening of February 21 at Cavanagh's Restaurant, Twenty-third Street near Eighth Avenue. The committee in charge of arrangements is headed by Paul Howard.

Though it may seem a bit late, New York Detachment wishes to go on record with its appreciation of the courtesy and whole-hearted welcome accorded its delegates to the recent National Convention of the League at Washington. Those who attended will never forget the kindness of and royal entertainment provided by our illustrious chief, Maj. Gen. John A. Lejeune, Mrs. Lejeune and their charming daughter. Also the pains taken by the other Marine officers to

see that our every comfort was administered to. No one but Marines could carry things out in such an efficient manner.

The convention committee got together recently at the home of Comrade Hanson Smith "up on the Drive" and we had "shome sheshun."

Milton Solomon, our genial paymaster, will be installed next Saturday as Commander of Finnegan Legion Post over in Brooklyn. Many of the detachment will be on hand to witness the ceremony. Outside of running our finances, guiding Finnegan Post, serving as head of the Welfare Committee of the Legion in Kings County and ably handling an extensive law practice, his time is all his own. Pretty soft for Milt.

Roy Hagen, our "demon" Adjutant, is another busy guy. He is a prosperous lamp dealer, Democratic leader in his district (a Republican stronghold which he carried in the last election), a social lion, and the busiest officer we have. Nevertheless, Roy will spend the month of February at Palm Beach. This has no connection with the Chinese situation.

"Old Eagle Eye" Albert Lages, the hustling chairman of the Membership Committee, is doing great work. They say he can spot a Marine button a mile off and once he backs his prospect into a corner, it's all off. The man surrenders. Al is also a keen salesman and after listening to him, we believe he could sell straw hats to Eskimos.

The two Rays (of sunshine) Sawyer and Willis, National Adjutant and Paymaster, respectively, of the League, are loyal members of our detachment. They seldom miss a meeting and are ever ready to lend a helping hand to the numerous activities which we undertake. They were both able workers at the National Convention.

We certainly miss our Chaplain. Good old "Doc" left us shortly before Christmas to spend the holidays with the Marines in the tropics. Our meetings do not seem the same without him. "Doc" carries sunshine with him wherever he goes. His pleasant smile, interesting and instructive talks, witty reminiscences—we miss them all. Come

on home, "Doc."

New York Detachment includes in its membership Marines who are also members of Brooklyn Marine Corps Post No. 395, American Legion, and Gen. George F. Elliott Camp, United Spanish War Veterans. Preparations are being made to have the entire membership of the three organizations assemble at an "all Marine" reception and entertainment.

## AVIATION ANTHOLOGY

Upon the occasion of the transferring of several of the men attached to ZK Squadron No. 1, at Quantico, Va., to the Marine Barracks, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla., one of the members of the squadron bloomed forth with the following bit of poetry entitled:

### IN FUTURE YEARS

In future years, as you read these lines,  
Good old buddy, Pal O'Mine,  
Just wander back to long past scenes,  
And our happy days with the old  
Marines.

There was Broody and Eberhardt,  
Teddy, Pete, and Pop.  
Old Slim Bryant, and Darby.  
And Maione, the "Wop."

How we all used to growl,  
About the chow and the work,  
But when it came to a showdown,  
None knew the word "shirk."

It's quite a few years,  
Since those days have gone by,  
But I guess you remember,  
As well as I.

How we all used to brag,  
And pile the old snow,  
But we had a good bunch,  
As all good Marines go.

And if ever you're blue  
Or feel out of sort,  
Just remember the old gang,  
And be a real sport.

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## THE DEVICE OF THE U. S. MARINE CORPS

(By request of a Subscriber.)

Since the Continental Marines came into being on the date a ship of the first State Navy went into commission and also served on the first vessels operating under Continental control and pay, it is difficult to state what device, or how many different devices, were worn by them.

From the earliest days of the Continental period, distinctive plumes, cockades, tassels, and epaulettes were prescribed or worn and served to distinguish Marines from other military men.

From old documents of the Marine Corps we find many different distinctive phases of the uniform of Marines by which they were distinguished from other service men, but up to June 30, 1821, no device was mentioned. An order effective on this date mentions a cap plate, while an order dated January 1, 1824, mentioned an "eagle."

On November 4, 1824, it was directed that a "brass eagle" be worn on the hat, "in front measuring from three to three and one-half inches from one extremity of the wing to the other."

"Regulations for the uniform and dress of the Marine Corps of the United States, October, 1859," prescribes the following devices:

Full Dress Ornament: Company Officers—A United States shield within a half wreath: resting upon the center of the shield, a bugle and the letter "M"; the letter to be placed within the ring of the bugle, and to just fit that ring; the letter to be of solid white metal fastened on to the shield; the shield, bugle and wreath to be of yellow metal, heavily gilt.

"Enlisted Men—Same as for Company Officers, except that the shield, bugle, and half wreath will not be gilt, but kept bright. The letter "M" will be of



## GAINS AND LOSSES OF MARINE CORPS PERSONNEL (ENLISTED) 1924

Accessions to the Marine Corps during 1924 were as follows: by enlistment 6,223; joined from desertion 583, General Court Martial Prisoners restored to duty 4; total of men gained 6,810.

Separations from the Marine Corps during 1924 were as follows: by expiration of enlistment 4,172; by General Court Martial 19; by Summary Court Martial 287; undesirability 230; inaptitude 91; by Medical Survey (duty) 284; by Medical Survey (not duty) 268; underage 148; by special order 447; by desertion 1,328; by retirement 15; died 73; by cancelled enlistment 4; by sentence to prison and dishonorable discharge 389; making a total of 7,755 men lost during 1924.

The above figures show a net loss of 945 men. The strength of the Corps on December 31, 1923, was 20,300 and on December 31, 1924, 19,355.

There were 4,013 first enlistments, 1,421 reenlistments from the Marine Corps, 648 reenlistments from the Army, and 146 reenlistments from the Navy, making a total of 6,223 enlistments during 1924. Out of this number 1,304 were three year enlistments while 4,919 were four year enlistments. Extensions of enlistments for the year 1924 were 924. The average strength during 1924 was 19,614.

All recent orders issued for the evacuation of the Marine Detachment, American Legation, Managua, Nicaragua, have been revoked. The United States Marines, at the request of the Nicaraguan Government, will remain at Nicaragua not later than September 1

white metal like that on the ornament of the officers' cap."

The present style of ornament worn by the Marine Corps consisting of a hemisphere representing the continents of North and South America with an eagle resting at the top and the whole surmounted on the shank of a foul anchor between the flukes and the stock was prescribed by a board appointed by Brig. Gen. Com. Jacob Zeilin on November 12, 1868, and consisted of Maj. George R. Graham, Capt. Robert W. Huntington, and Brevet Capt. Charles F. Williams. This board reported the specification of the present ornament on November 13, 1868. The Commandant approved and forwarded the board's report to the Secretary of the Navy on November 17, 1868, who on November 19, 1868, authorized the cap ornament recommended by the board.

of this year. The people of Nicaragua are delighted, and it is believed a possible serious commercial crisis has passed. The government intends to form a constabulary which will probably be under Marine officers.

There is a strong indication that a new appropriated strength of the Corps will be set by this Congress at 18,000 enlisted men, to become effective July 1, 1925, which means that, in view of the West Coast vacancies the recruiting in the Eastern half of the United States will be limited, while recruiting in the Western half will continue to be lively.

The recruiting service force is slated for a cut of approximately ten per cent; this will be a general cut and will vary in location according to the general requirements of the service. Certain non-productive stations will be closed also.

## CHANGE OF STATUS OF MARINE AVIATION DETACHMENT AT GREAT LAKES

The Commanding Officer, Marine Aviation Detachment, Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, has been directed to report to the Commanding Officer, Marine Barracks, Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill., with the detachment under his command on February 1, 1925, for duty as a unit at the barracks under the command of Marine Barracks, Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill.

Upon the reporting of the Aviation Detachment, the personnel under the command will consist of two administrative organizations, the Barracks Detachment and the Aviation Detachment. The Barracks Detachment will be composed of all personnel regularly assigned to Marine Barracks, Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, for general duty. The authorized complement of the Barracks Detachment will be that now prescribed for the Marine Barracks, Naval Training Station, Great Lakes. The Aviation Detachment will consist of all Marine Corps personnel assigned for special duty in connection with Aviation. The authorized complement of this detachment will be the same as that now prescribed for the Marine Aviation Detachment, namely one Marine Gunner and seven enlisted men permanently assigned for administrative purposes and variable number of students.

In view of the prospective cut of 1,500 men in the Marine Corps, the Recruiting Service will only have a limited number to recruit. Recruiting will only be able to handle re-enlistments with very few first enlistments, and then the applicants must be 19 years of age. Twenty men a month will be allowed to enlist to learn to play the trumpet.

The new system for detecting elopers is working very well and deductions have been cut 50 per cent.

## NEW ORGANIZATION FORMED AT LAKEHURST

A new organization has been formed at the Marine Barracks, Naval Air Station, Lakehurst, N. J., which will be known as the Barracks, Detachment, Guard Company, Marine Barracks, Naval Air Station, Lakehurst, N. J.



## AROUND GALLEY FIRES

By "Doc" CLIFFORD,  
Honorary Chaplain, U. S. M. C.

Almost the first person I met on the *Henderson* when proceeding to Haiti was that splendid veteran of the years, Col. McKelvey. Wherever Marines have seen service, there the kindly presence of this seasoned Commander has always been. Old timers like to repeat stories of his leadership, many of which thrill the listener to the point of wishing that he, too, might have been privileged to have been there. The Colonel has always possessed a record of alertness and preparedness that has secured the confidence and affection of his men, who have never questioned but willingly carried out his orders, knowing that he knew the *why* even though they could not understand.

It was such a pleasure to meet dear Mrs. Landry on her way to meet Col. Halford. She has several times visited the tropics and it was in Cuba that her loved daughter, Mrs. Halford, met with the unfortunate accident that caused her death, leaving a grief-stricken husband and daughter, together with the mother, to mourn their loss.

Maj. A. J. White came from Parris Island to take command of the First Battalion of the Sixth Regiment during their special duty in Cuba. He confided to me his feelings of appreciation at seeing the fine selection of noncommissioned officers and men who had been selected. Really, I have never seen a finer contingent. The officers also are of the sort that make service a delight. Capt. R. W. Williams, J. J. Burks and R. J. Bartholomew are each of the old time class with many years of experience to their credit, while Capt. J. F. Blanton has also had exceptional service in the Corps. The Lieutenants include G. A. Plambeck, W. E. Quaster and E. J. Mund, also of the same school. W. W. Conway was one of the World War productions, T. C. Perrin from the Charleston Citadel, while K. P. Chapelle, A. W. Ellis, J. R. Rhamstine and P. A. Sheibler all make a most favorable impression as being of real worth.

Sgt. Maj. Proctor accompanies the force and has made sure of keeping in close touch with the best in music, song and lecture by taking a first class radio set with loud speaker, that he, with his comrades, may tune in whenever opportunity affords.

Dr. J. A. Brown, late of Great Lakes, is delighted to be one of the passengers to the sunny climes whilst his charming daughter, Fredericka, with her doll, is making firm friends to the delight of mother and father. The fine children of Shamer are the life of the ship, both Ethel and Frank being the leaders in fun and frolic amongst the twenty-five children on board.



It is interesting to note the continued enthusiasm of sports and athletics throughout the Naval Service. Competition continues to be keen, both in inter-post games and for supremacy between ships. In such parts of the world where the climate prohibits outdoor sports we notice that basketball holds forth. The *Training Station News* shows the following basketball scores for the Fifth Naval District League: Naval Air Station, 39; Naval Hospital, 37; Naval Hospital, 46; Naval Training Station, 18; Machinist Mates' School, 19; Music School, 17; Electrical School, 18; Machinist Mates' School, 12.

In addition to basketball the Training Station at Hampton Roads has a boxing team, a soccer team, and a field hockey team in the process of organization.

The Naval Station's interesting news sheet devotes a page to sports and the Fifth Naval District League stirs up such interest that a weekly standing of teams is carefully kept.

Out in Sunny California we find the U. S. S. *California* already or rather still playing their baseball schedule, and for this month have taken on the *West Virginia* and the *Idaho* and are scheduled to play the *Oklahoma* today.

It is gratifying to know that no matter what the weather may be or in what part of the world one may be, provided he is in the Navy, he can indulge in sport.

This announcement from the U. S. S. *California* Club is significant of the excellent sportsmanship of our Sailormen:

"This morning the Marine Whaleboat Crew is going to take on the rest of the Battle Fleet in a little rowing free-for-all and they carry our fondest hopes with them. Be up on the forecastle and cut loose with everything you have when they come within hearing distance. It always helps."

## HONOR MEN

The *Hoist*, of the U. S. Naval Training Station, San Diego, announces the following men who have made most progress in their drills and instructions, and are considered to be most proficient in their respective companies, for which they have been chosen Honor Men of their companies for the week ending December 31:

Henry W. Kirshner, A. S., Co. D-4,

## ALL SECURE

By JOHN CULNAN,  
U. S. M. C., '20-'24

## HI WRIGHT PERRY

## An Epic of the Fifth Marines

## CANTO IV

Hey, for the carefree life we lead,  
We Leathernecks! We are the seed  
Of a dozen noble clans—  
Guards of ancient caravans,  
Viking crews and pirate raiders,  
Spartans, outlaws, and crusaders,  
Roman legions, Saxon hosts,  
Pioneers of distant coasts,  
Bands of Truculent guerrilla,  
Salts of famous old flotillas,  
Lancers, wielding slender spears,  
Devil-daring musketeers,—  
Downward to the epoch when  
There was need of Minutemen.  
Little sons of John Paul Jones,  
Who, by no uncertain tones  
When the Colonies made war,  
Forced the founding of the Corps.  
We who stumble in by chance  
Feel a surge of old romance  
Fan the ranks at dress parade—  
Out of the mystic evening shade  
In an indistinct array  
Come these braves of yesterday,  
Lured from out obscurity  
By the trumpets' melody,  
Thrilling us to mighty dreams  
Of battles and strategic schemes  
That would put the foe to rout  
When we stormed his vast redoubt.  
But alas! These dreams are idle;  
There is nothing suicidal  
In our everyday routine  
Here in Haiti, where is seen  
Little of the errantry  
That surrounds the history  
Of the Leathernecks of old.  
Though the odds are manifold  
That the tropic underbrush,  
Notwithstanding all the hush  
That surrounds it, may give forth,  
From the south or from the north,  
Piercing showers of bandit lead,  
Aimed devoutly at one's head,—  
Yet from deep life we depend  
On the stories without end  
Fabricated, 'neath the spell  
Of a moonlit mountain dell,  
By the older men in ranks,  
Grizzled now, but full of pranks,  
Veterans of every post  
From Portsmouth to the China coast.

## TRIOLET

If life were not sweet  
There would be no today.  
Could the earth be replete  
If life were not sweet?—  
Or would bitter defeat  
Fail to vanquish us? Say—  
If life were not sweet  
There would be no today.

whose home is in Rolf, Nebr. Kirshner recently enlisted in Omaha, Nebr.

Alfred A. Ernst, A. S., Co. D-5, who comes from Youngstown, Ohio, and enlisted in Denver, Colo.

## PREFERENCE GIVEN TO HONORABLY DISCHARGED SOLDIERS, SAILORS, AND MARINES IN APPOINTMENT TO CIVIL SERVICE POSITIONS.

In order that men serving in the Marine Corps may know something of the preference accorded honorably discharged service men THE LEATHERNECK offers a brief summary of Form 1481, August, 1924, issued by the United States Civil Service Commission on the subject of "Veteran Preference in Original Appointments to Civil Service Positions."

The deficiency act approved July 11, 1919, provides: "That hereafter in making appointments to clerical and other positions in the executive branch of the Government in the District of Columbia or elsewhere, preference shall be given to honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, and Marines and widows of such, and to the wives of injured soldiers, sailors, and Marines, who themselves are not qualified, but whose wives are qualified to hold such positions."

The President, on March 3, 1923, issued an Executive Order under which the benefits granted to veterans by this act shall be as follows:

(a) For eligibility, a rating of 70 per cent is required of all applicants. Veterans are given five points and disabled veterans ten points in addition to their earned ratings in examinations. In examinations where experience is an element of qualifications, time spent in the military or naval service of the United States during the World War or the war with Spain shall be credited in an applicant's ratings where the applicant's actual employment in a similar vocation to that for which he applies was temporarily interrupted by such military or naval service, but was resumed after his discharge. This will mean that the veteran's papers will be rated, giving due regard to his military service, and that he will then have five points (or if a disabled veteran, ten points) added to his earned ratings, and his name will be placed on the register with other eligibles in the order of his augmented rating. A nonveteran must earn a rating of 70, while a veteran who is not disabled must earn a rating of 65 to have his name entered on the register. A disabled veteran need earn a rating of only 60 per cent to have his name entered on the register.

(b) An appointing officer who passes over the name of a veteran and selects a nonveteran with the same or a lower rating from a certificate of eligibles must place his reasons for so doing in the department's records.

(c) The veteran is released from all age limitations, except for the positions of firemen and policemen of the District of Columbia, and is released from many of the physical requirements.

(d) The veteran is certified without regard to the apportionment among the States of appointments in the apportioned service in the District of Columbia.

In making claim for the benefits set forth above, applicant should attach his original discharge, or a photographic, or certified copy, or an official statement from the War or Navy Department showing record of service. These papers will be returned to the applicant. The act of July 11, 1919, applies only to

appointment to the Federal Civil Service and does not entitle one to subsequent preference in promotion.

Examination papers are rated on a scale of 100 and the above rules mean that a former soldier, sailor, or Marine possessing an honorable discharge will have five points added to the grade he makes in the examination, or if he is a disabled veteran he will have ten points added to his grade. This means a very material advantage over the man not having had military or naval service.

A further preference is given service men in case of reduction in force, as the following paragraph from the Executive Order of March 3, 1923, will show:

"In harmony with statutory provisions, when reductions are being made in the force, in any part of the classified service, no employee entitled to military preference in appointment shall be discharged or dropped or reduced in rank or salary if his record is good."

Men who are interested in entering Civil Service may secure full and detailed information about dates of examinations, lists of subjects covered in the various examinations and any preference to which they be entitled by writing to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

## THE SPIRIT OF CARNIVAL PERVADES IN HAITI

Perhaps the largest show that has ever been presented in any tropical country, including Parris Island, was the Monstrous Museum of the Marvels of Nature, which was held at La Creche, Haiti, on January 11, 1925.

Among the attractions presented for the jollification of the assembled multitudes was Bosco, the wild man, who was captured in the wilds of Bombardopolis and is probably the only Haitien product on the bill. Fif, the harem slave, entertained with the dance of Jello, the nervous pudding. Fatima, the fat baby, when brought to Haiti weighed one ton and a half, and since she has been in Haiti she has fallen away to a mere ton, but she is still on the same par as the rest of the attractions. Clarine defies the fangs of various reptiles by constantly drinking snake bite cure, hence the name "Clarine."

This carnival proved to be one of the best attractions that has been seen in this part of the world, and in addition to the side show mentioned above there were many other places where gourdes were separated from their temporary owners, such as hot dog stands and pink lemonade dispensaries. The side show was under the direction of the great showman, Ted Gardner. The proceeds of the monster show will be used to help the little inmates of La Creche. This charitable work is in charge of Mrs. John H. Russell, aided by the ladies of the Colony Club.

## GY. SGT. MORRIS FISHER IS TENDERED SINGULAR HONOR

Sgt. Morris Fisher, of the Marine Corps, champion rifle shot of the world, has been elected a life member of the Veteran Athletes, an organization with headquarters in Philadelphia, including among its members former champions in all lines of sport. It is the custom of this organization each year to elect to life membership a number of men who have most distinguished themselves in representing the United States in all forms of athletic endeavor. Thus far, as can be ascertained, Sgt. Fisher has the double distinction of being the only rifleman and the only Marine on whom this honor has ever been conferred.

To be eligible for membership in the Veteran Athletes, a candidate must have been eminent in some line of sport twenty years previous to his election, except in the case of those accorded honorary election, such as Sgt. Fisher.

The athletic performance for which Sgt. Fisher was accorded recognition by the Veteran Athletes consisted in the winning by him of the Olympic Rifle Championship and the World's Free Rifle Championship at the competition in France last year. Sgt. Fisher has won the World's Free Rifle Championship for three successive years and has broken the previous record which was held by a Swiss rifleman for more than ten years.

## ENLISTED MEN'S CLUB AT PORT AU PRINCE HOLDS ELECTION

A semi-annual meeting of the Enlisted Mens' Club was held at their club house at Port au Prince, Haiti, on Monday, January 5, 1925. The following men were elected officers for the ensuing year: Cpl. W. F. McCormick, President; Sgt. H. W. Hawkins, Vice President; Cpl. J. F. O'Connell, Secretary.

The following men were elected as members of a board of directors: Sgt. Maj. E. E. Barde, Sgt. Maj. S. C. Dean, Q. M. Sgt. L. J. McGuire, Staff Sgt. H. V. Cartmell, and Pharmacist Mate (second class) W. F. Landers.

After the elections Capt. J. H. Platt, Brigade Morale Officer, highly complimented Staff Sgt. Cartmell, the retiring president, upon his excellent work during his term of office.

Sgt. M. Weissman was also tendered a vote of thanks for the excellent manner in which he performed his duties while Secretary.

A letter of appreciation was sent to Capt. O. B. Thompson, Panama Railroad Steamship Line, for the Christmas tree which he donated to the Club.

After a brief business meeting the members adjourned and partook of refreshments.

# ALLIGATOR

## RAINCOAT



# HOW MARINES CAPTURED JOHN BROWN

By HASH MARK

Grandfather, grandmother, and certain others of my honorable ancestors used to sing a song which in their day was among the "best sellers." Folks don't sing it any more. It's lost its pep. The mournful strains don't fit in with modern jazz, and besides, the man about whom it was written is almost forgotten. It was a humdinger in its time though, and the words of the plaintive air used to get me guessing.

The first verse went like this:

"John Brown's body lies a-mouldering in the grave."

(repeat three times)

"But his soul goes marching on."  
(only once)

Even as a youngster I could understand if the said John Brown was dead, it was only right and proper that the "a-mouldering" process should be going on. But I couldn't understand then, and still have difficulty in trying to visualize, a "marching soul." So I'll pass the buck to the man who wrote it.

## Marines Took John

Years later I learned that it was the U. S. Marines who captured John Brown at Harpers Ferry. I also learned that Brown's life was spared on that occasion largely through the efforts of Lieut. Israel Greene, of the Marines, when the said Israel Greene walloped John Brown in the engine-house between the Shenandoah and the Potomac. He did you know.

The capture of John Brown set the whole U. S. A. aflame. Feeling was strong between the North and South over the slavery question. And the John Brown incident hurried along the disagreements which led to the Civil War.

Col. Robert E. Lee, who led the Marines on their expedition against Brown, afterwards became famous as Commander-in-Chief of the Confederate forces. His aide-de-camp was Lieut. J. E. B. Stuart, who also won distinction in the Civil War as Lee's Chief of Cavalry. Other characters who became famous or infamous formed part of the cast in the "John Brown Drama."

It was on October 17, 1859, that the Marines set out from Washington on their quest for Brown. Col. Lee's little force consisted of 106 Marines, non-coms and privates, under the command of Lieut. Greene. The Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of War were at the station to see them off and to give Col. Lee his instructions.

## He Had Them Guessing

That morning news of Brown's raid had been flashed to all parts of the country, but no one knew how many men Brown had or how many troops it would take to subdue them.

The train departed in the late afternoon and followed the banks of the Potomac on its fifty-six mile journey to Harpers Ferry, where it arrived at about 11 p. m. One can imagine the little force of Marines detraining in the inky darkness of the tiny village, not

hearing a shot, and wondering if the enemy was reserving his fire to lure them into ambush.

Almost up to the time of the arrival of the Marines, John Brown, alias Smith, alias several other names, had the "situation well in hand." In the vernacular of today he had "gotten away with murder."

The audacity of the man can be realized when it is known that his total force in the Harpers Ferry raid consisted of himself and about twenty followers.

Brown had rented a farm in the vicinity of Harpers Ferry from the "Widow Kennedy," and made this farm his headquarters while he plotted the overthrow of slavery. In order to deceive the community he went about the business of farming in the usual way. He made frequent trips to Harpers Ferry, and even received his mail at a hotel there, having instructed his correspondents to address him as "I. Smith."

## John Brown Takes Arsenal

On the night of the sixteenth his band quietly stole into the sleeping village. Brown, according to his biographer, was driving an ordinary farm wagon, while the rest of the band was mounted. Overcoming a sentry at the bridge which spanned the Shenandoah River he entered the village, captured another sentinel at the government arsenal there, and took over the entire property without firing a shot.

Brown had hoped that his capture of the arsenal would be the signal for a general uprising of the negro slaves. His plans failed to mature.

When the village awoke the next morning they gradually realized that "Farmer Smith" had put one over on them, so to speak. He was in complete control of the Government works and most of the village—and with only twenty men.

Small bodies of militia were summoned from Shepherdstown, Frederick and Baltimore, and some desultory firing started, during which there were casualties on

both sides, with the odds in favor of the militia.

When Brown saw that the "jig was up," he immediately transferred some of the most influential prisoners he had taken to a brick engine-house, which stood within the arsenal enclosure. He had loop-holes cut in the walls and prepared to make a last stand.

## The Marines Arrive

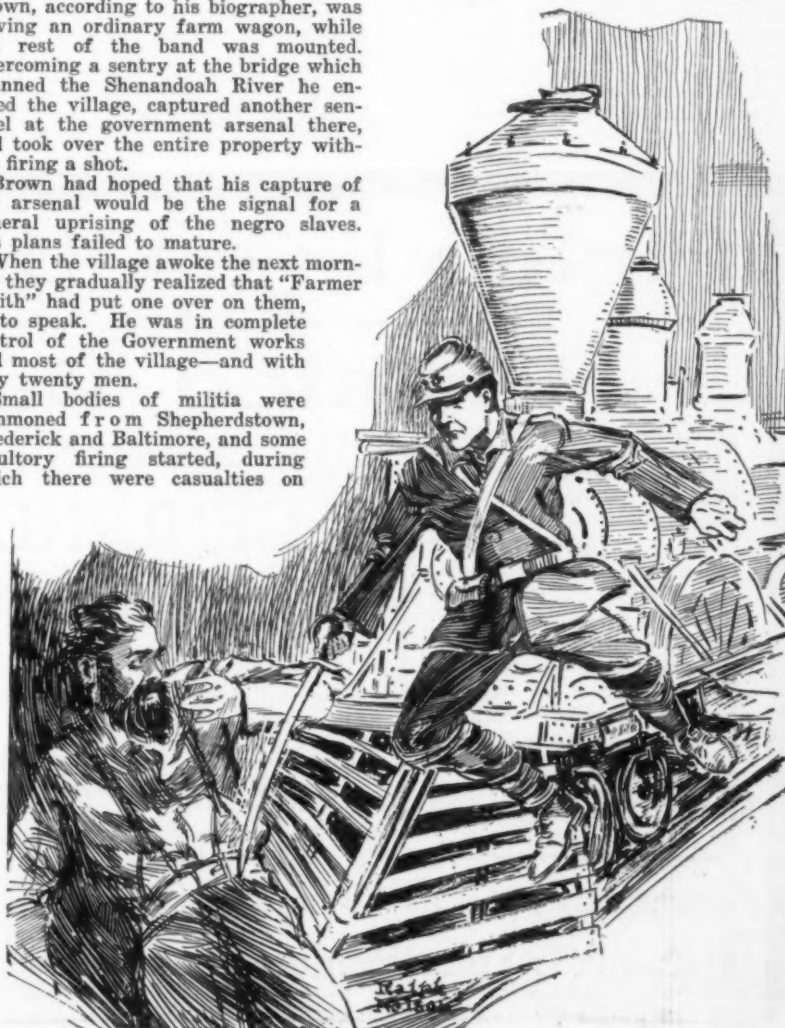
Such was the situation at 11 o'clock on the night of the seventeenth when the Marines arrived.

Col. Lee sent his aide, Stuart, under a flag of truce, to the engine-house to demand the surrender of Brown. The raider refused. It was decided to postpone the attack until the next morning.

At sunrise the following day, Lieuts. Stuart, Greene and twelve Marines of the party again approached the engine-house.

"Are you ready to surrender and trust to the mercy of the Government?" shouted Stuart.

"No," answered Brown, "I prefer to die here!" (Continued on page 16)



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**Athletic Meets**

To further encourage and stimulate interest in athletics, Headquarters from time to time will arrange athletic meets to include men from several stations to compete in the four events described herein, and in other athletic events.

**Prizes From Post Exchange Funds**

The appropriation of Post Exchange funds for the payment of prizes to be awarded in athletic meets is authorized. Commanding Officers may arrange meets for men of their organizations and with other organizations and posts or stations when no expense to the Government for travel is involved, without reference to Marine Corps Headquarters.

THE LEATHERNECK urges all Athletic Councils and Athletic Officers to send in necessary data for publication to this office after April 1, 1925, when the above order is effective.

**MULTI-MILLIONAIRE MARINE**

Getting the afternoon off to attend the proverbial grandmother's funeral is not quite as old as Eve: at least two generations younger. But Private (first class) Banks, of the Paymaster's Department, thought it was about time to dig up a new one. So, on Wednesday of last week, he asked to be excused at noon so that he might have the whole afternoon in which to transfer his money from one bank to another.

Immediately he was besieged with newspapermen with itching pencils.

Movie men crowded round him and begged for the exclusive right to feast their lenses on the coming spectacle. Storage companies pestered him with offers of their vans and trucks. The Police Department called up to ask how many reserves might be needed or whether Pvt. Banks would bring his own Marine Guard.

The writer, like everyone else who knew anything about it, wanted to get off to witness the historical event, but having buried his seventeenth grandmother only the day before, he didn't get off. He was told, however, where to get off. But by the time this goes to press you will surely have read all about it in the newspapers, have seen it in your favorite movie theater, and have heard of it on the radio. So the writer must be content. What a story he would have been able to tell you though, if he had been able to dig up (for burial) that eighteenth grandmother!

**MORE HIGH C'S FOR BANDSMEN**

Under a Headquarters Talk captioned "Bandsmen and High C's," in the issue of THE LEATHERNECK for December 27, 1924, it was stated that the Paymaster, Marine Corps, had recommended that, if deemed proper by the Major General Commandant, Article 34 (17) Marine Corps Manual be amended so as to continue in force the rating as specialists of all men assigned to duty as musicians in Marine Corps bands, irrespective of transfer from post to post.

In a reply dated January 14, 1925, the Major General Commandant agreed with this suggestion to the extent that these men who had been enlisted, or reenlisted, as bandsmen, and rated as specialist for that duty, would, upon transfer to another post, have their specialist's rating continued in force, irrespective of transfer. This did not mean that the rating could not be revoked by competent authority; only that it would not be revoked automatically by reason of the transfer to another post. However, he stated that men who were enlisted for general service and subsequently transferred to a band and rated specialist should be considered in the same category as men detailed as specialists for clerical and mechanical duty, and that upon transfer the ratings of such men should be revoked.

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# JOEY



Alberta: Not now, we mustn't, didn't you see the Deans have decided to stop necking?

Albert: Aw hell, first thing you know they'll want the students to stop too.

—Illinois Siren.

## SIMON STODDARD: SOPHOMORE

Some Sentimental Short Story!

Simon Stoddard, slim, simple student, stood stockstill staring sullenly—suddenly saw Sadie Simpkins, "sweet sixteen," stepping sturdily.

Sam Sloane, sly sport, sat surveying surroundings sadly saw sublime Sadie sauntering slowly. Sam seeking Sadie saw Sadie seated silently, so Sam swaggared softly soliciting Sadie socially.

Sadie screamed—slapped Sam. Soon Sam sampled Simon's strength. . . . Sam, Simon struggled; Sadie shouted, "Strike Sam!" Soon Sam sped swiftly somewhere.

Summer's sun sank slowly. Stars shone shimmeringly. Sadie, Simon sat strangely silent. Simon suddenly said something somewhat surprising.

Sadie simply said, "So sudden!"

Soon Sadie shared Simon's savings.

So stops Simon's sentimental story.

—Black & Blue Jay.

"Most girls would love to go to a house-party."

"Yes, that's how most of them get there."—Hamilton Royal Gaboon.

"I have heard," said Professor Short,

"That Babylon fell,

And Nineveh was destroyed,

And—"

Someone in the class:

"Tyre was punctured."

—Notre Dame Juggler.

Ambitious College Youth (to Senator): How did you become such a wonderful orator?

Senator: I began by addressing envelopes.—Witt.

## LONG WINDED

Dumb: Who was the best track man that ever lived?

Dumber: Give up.

Dumb: William Jennings Bryan. He ran for thirty years without a stop.

—Penn. Punch Bowl.

## AN ENJOYABLE CONVERSATION

He: Dear, you are lovelier tonight than I ever believed possible.

She: Why, what do you mean?

He: I mean your beauty is not overdone in the least.

She: Wretch!

He: What I wanted to say was that you are as lovely as anyone could possibly be in that gown.

She: How dare you insult me.

He: Listen, please. I say I love you in spite of what you wear.

She: Here, sir, is your ring.

He (going down for third time): Let me explain, dear. I said that even without your gorgeous clothes I would love you just as much.

(Expires).—Yale Record.

The young duckling must have been terribly embarrassed when he found out that his first pair of trousers were down.

—Lafayette Lyre.

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## GIMIK AND GADJET



## REVERSION TO TYPE?

Mrs. DeRoil: Why didn't you tell me there was a strain of insanity in your family before you married me?

Mr. DeRoil: Because until then there'd been no sign of it for a hundred years.

—California Pelican.

Roses are red,  
LePages are glue,  
If you think you're the berries  
Then I'm the cat's mew.

—Stevens Stone Mill.

Art: Are you doing any work in the nude these days?

Tiste: No; but I will be soon if I don't sell some of my pictures.

—Chicago Phoenix.

He: Pardon me. May I have this dance?

She: No. I'm too danced out.

He: You're not too damn stout. You're just pleasingly plump.—Cornell Widow.

## INHERITED AWAY

"How did Boggs come out with that fortune he inherited a while ago?"

"After he had finished with the probate fees, the inheritance taxes, the lawyers' fees, traveling expenses, real estate transfers, and lost a month's salary looking after it, he bought himself a ham sandwich and called it square."

—Grinnell Malteaser.

The Sheik: Through the Sahara's worst sand-storm I have come to thee, Nellie.

The Sheikess: Aye Rodolph, surely thou must be a man of grit!

—Washington Columns.





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## PLEASE READ THIS

Report of the Director of the Marine Corps Institute, Which is Here Submitted to the Officers and Men of the Marine Corps.

1. As this Institute is patronized by the Marines I think it should submit a report to the Marines, to show what it has been doing during the year 1924. The following figures show the facts, and tend to demonstrate that the Marines are not only the highest type of fighting men, but are probably the best educated military men in the world.

## 2. COMPARATIVE REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF THE U. S. MARINE CORPS INSTITUTE.

Prepared as at close of business,  
December 31, 1924

	1924		1923	
	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)
On rolls, December 31.....	6,615	7,586	6,673	7,257
New Enrollments.....	5,653	6,249	5,722	6,346
Disenrollments (all causes).....	5,711	5,920	4,749	4,789
Lessons received.....	52,210	58,511	50,850	55,084
Diplomas awarded.....	547	747	452	492
Percentage Corps enrolled.....	82.2%	86.9%	81.1%	83.8%
Percentage stu- dents active.....	41.0%	41.5%	42.0%	41.0%
(a) Excludes officers enrolled in compliance with Marine Corps Orders.				
(b) Includes officers enrolled in compliance with Marine Corps Orders.				

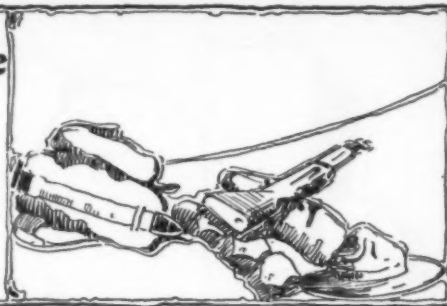
3. All this has been done without orders or compulsion of any kind. Military duties have not been interfered with, and we all feel that we have the good will of the whole Marine Corps.

4. In wishing all Marines a Happy and Prosperous New Year we feel that if the Marine Corps Institute students were all in one place they would unite in returning the compliment to the staff

## WEEKLY REPORT Marine Corps Institute

JANUARY 24, 1925

Total number individuals enrolled.....	7,828
Total number individuals enrolled since last report.....	158
Total number individuals disenrolled since last report.....	171
Number of examination papers received during week.....	1,925
Number of examination papers received during the year.....	4,635
Total number of graduates to date.....	1,720



## THE FLIGHT OF THE ARROW

Modern military men seldom give a thought to bows and arrows, once the principal weapon of fighting men. Yet not so many years ago, as time is reckoned, to acquire skill with this type of weapon was one of the highest ambitions of the soldier. When it is remembered that the modern rifle bullet will kill at a mile, or even longer distances, the comparatively short range of the arrow seems absurd. Neade, a famous archer under Charles I, puts the ordinary range of the bow at from 320 to 400 yards. Another authority states that Cornish archers shot with ease 480 yards. There are accounts of the shaft being sent a distance of half a mile by some of the strong-armed bowmen of olden time, but these accounts are probably exaggerated. An actual test by a highly skilled archer in 1794 proved that he could shoot an arrow 463 yards with the wind and 415 yards against it. One of the best English bowmen in 1905 could not shoot the shaft any further than 367 yards. It would seem that a full company of archers would stand a small chance when pitted against a solitary Marine with a Springfield rifle and plenty of ammunition.

Put it precisely this way: The difference between progress, promotion, demotion and discard is all summed up in the way you spend your spare hours.—*The Silent Partner.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Education  
Washington

January 21, 1925.

Col. J. C. Breckinridge,  
Director, U. S. Marine Corps In-  
stitute,  
Washington, D. C.

DEAR COL. BRECKINRIDGE:

I appreciate your kindness in sending me statistics relative to the Marine Corps Institute for the past two years. I am glad to have this and I think the showing you make is excellent. The reductions in the cost per student in 1924 as compared with 1923 are remarkable and I want to congratulate you upon what you have accomplished.

With best wishes for your continued success.

Cordially yours,  
/s/ JNO. J. TIGERT,  
Commissioner.

## WHAT IS A MARINE?

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# The Warning of the Desert

By William A. Lawrence

THIS is the story of Bill Andrews—"Plain" Bill Andrews. The nickname had been coined by some boyhood chum and it had stuck through the years. It was both deserved and descriptive. For Bill was plain in appearance—plain in dress—plain in conversation—plain in everything he did.

Bill was twenty-seven when I first got to know him well—married—the father of as fine a boy as you have ever seen.

Bill might have been a little further along in the world if he had had just a little more luck—or foresight—when he started. But like thousands of other men had been forced to leave school and go to work while he was still young, and he had taken the first thing that came along.

He worked as hard as he knew how, but somehow or other he never seemed to get very far.

It was hard—terribly hard, sometimes—to make both ends meet—particularly when sickness came or there were other unexpected expenses. But Bill never gave up hope. You see, he had some "plain," old-fashioned courage, too.

Above everything else in the world, he wanted to go home some night and tell his wife of a raise in salary—of a promotion that would mean a happier, better home.

I wonder if there is a man anywhere who doesn't have that same ambition—that same hope!

But that increase in salary and that promotion never came. Indeed, once or twice, when things were slack, Bill came mighty near losing his job.

Then, one night Bill came across an advertisement that was to change his entire life. It told how other men just like himself had found a way to get out of the rut and make good in a big way—how every man has enough natural ability to make a success in some line of work if he will only find that work and study it.

There was nothing particularly new about the thought—it was something Bill had known and realized for years.

As a matter of fact, Bill had seen that advertisement and that familiar coupon many, many times before. For two years he had

been promising himself that he would cut it out and send it to Scranton. He knew that he ought to do it—that he should at least find out what the I. C. S. could do for him. But he never had!

And he might not have sent it this time, either, but for a few heart-stirring lines under a picture which he had seen called "The Warning of the Desert":

*"On the Plains of Hesitation bleach the bones of countless millions who, at the Dawn of Victory, sat down to wait, and waiting—died!"*

Bill read that over two or three times. "The Plains of Hesitation!" "Countless millions, who, at the Dawn of Victory, sat down to wait, and waiting—died!" These two phrases kept ringing in his ears. They worked their way into his very soul.

"That settles it," said Bill, with a finality that was unusual for him. "I'm tired waiting—I'm tired putting it off. This is my chance to get out of the rut, and I'm not going to overlook it again."

So that night Bill Andrews clipped the coupon he had seen so often—marked it—and mailed it to Scranton.

Bill told me the other day that he was surprised how interested he became in his lessons—of the personal interest the teachers at the I. C. S. took in him—how his employers learned about his studying and kept moving him up and up as fast as he was ready.

Bill is manager of his department now, and they tell me he's going to be a member of the firm some day. He certainly is a shining example of what any man with ambition can do if he only makes the start.

If the International Correspondence Schools can raise the salaries of men like Bill Andrews, they can raise yours. If these Scranton schools can help men like Bill Andrews to win the advancement that means a happier, better home, they can help you, too.

Believe me when I tell you that the most important thing you can do today is to send in that I. C. S. coupon. It is far better to send it in now than to wait a year—or five years—and then realize what the delay has cost you. Do it now!

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Maj. D. L. S. Brewster.  
Capt. L. B. Reagan.  
First Lieut. F. S. Chappelle.

Officers last to make number in  
the grades indicated:

Col. H. R. Lay.  
Lieut. Col. R. B. Creecy.  
Maj. W. C. MacCrone.  
Maj. J. D. Colomy.  
First Lieut. Wm. E. Maxwell.

## RECENT ORDERS

## January 20, 1925

Maj. E. W. Sturdevant, temporarily  
transferred from the U. S. S. *Rochester*  
to the U. S. S. *Utah*, with the  
Commander of the Special Service  
Squadron.

1st Lt. W. P. Kelly, detached M.  
B., Quantico, Va., to Hdqrs. Marine  
Corps., Wash., D. C.

## January 21, 1925

Maj. F. R. Hoyt, detached M. B.,  
Quantico, Va., to M. B., N. Yd.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

1st Lt. H. W. Bacon, detached 1st  
Brigade, Haiti, to M. B., Quantico,  
Va.

1st Lt. J. A. Stanners, detached  
1st Brigade, Haiti, to M. B., Quantico,  
Va.

1st Lt. J. F. Burke, detached M. B.,  
Quantico, Va., to M. B., N. T. S.,  
Newport, R. I.

No orders issued on January 22 and  
23, 1925.

## January 24, 1925

The following orders are announced:  
Capt. Charles F. Kienast, A. Q. M.,  
detached Depot of Supplies, Phila.,  
Pa., to M. B., Quantico, Va.

1st Lt. Thomas H. Raymond, resignation  
accepted.

2nd Lt. Theodore Blanchard, resignation  
accepted.

2nd Lt. Robert S. A. Gladden, detached  
M. B., N. Yd., Norfolk, Va., to M.  
B., Quantico, Va.

2nd Lt. Livingston B. Stedman, M.  
C. R., on February 25, 1925, as-  
signed to active duty for training at  
the N. A. S., San Diego, Calif., and  
on March 17, 1925, relieved from  
active duty.

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## January 26, 1925

The following orders are announced:  
Capt. J. P. Schwerin, detached M. B.,  
N. S., Olongapo, L. I., to Expedi-  
tionary duty, Shanghai, China.

1st Lt. F. W. Hanlon, detached M. B.,  
N. S., Cavite, P. I., to Expeditionary  
duty, Shanghai, China.

Capt. H. R. Mason, detached M. B.,  
N. S., Olongapo, P. I. to Department  
of the Pacific.

Mar. Gnr. E. Kellison, detached M. B.,  
A. L., Peking, China, to Department  
of the Pacific.

Mar. Gnr. W. R. Perry, assigned to  
duty with the M. B., A. L., Peking,  
China.

The following named officers were  
selected for the 1925-26 Class in the  
Company Officers' School; Capt. G. F.  
Adams, R. Arnett, D. J. Kendall, E. P.  
McCauley, W. E. Riley, C. D. Sniffen,  
W. Sweet, and W. W. Walker, of Quan-  
tico, Va.; Capt. W. F. Brown, A. T.  
Lewis, and R. W. Winter, of Haiti;  
Capt. K. I. Buse, and F. T. Steele, of  
San Diego; Capt. D. E. Campbell, J. J.  
Haley, and C. F. Kienast, of Philadel-  
phia, Pa.; Capt. B. M. Coffenberg, and  
L. J. Hughes, Gendarmerie de Haiti;  
Capt. F. C. Cushing, Boston, Mass.;  
Capt. F. J. Kelly, New York, N. Y.;  
Capt. C. H. Medairy, and A. J. Stout,  
Parris Island, S. C.; Capt. R. L. Mon-  
tague, M. D., U. S. S. *Pittsburgh*; Capt.  
A. H. Page, Pensacola, Fla.; Capt. J. T.  
Walker, Norfolk, Va.; Capt. J. M. Bain,  
M. D., U. S. S. *Rochester*. First Lieuts.  
R. C. Alburger, and M. J. Gould, Lake-  
hurst, N. J.; First Lieuts. H. W. Bacon,  
J. W. Cunningham, and J. E. Stanners,  
Republic of Haiti; First Lieut. W. L.  
Bales, Marine Corps Institute; First  
Lieuts. F. X. Bleicher, A. W. Culpepper,  
J. F. Driscoll, H. M. Fleming, K. A.  
Inman, J. B. Neill, M. E. Simmons, J.  
A. Tebbis, and T. J. Kilcoster, Quantico,  
Va.; First Lieuts. A. C. Cottrell, and  
J. L. Denham, Gendarmerie de Haiti;  
First Lieut. E. G. Hagen, Cuba; First  
Lieut. B. F. Johnson, M. D., U. S. S.  
*Utah*; First Lieut. L. F. Knorr, Recruit-  
ing; First Lieut. L. R. Pugh, South  
Charleston; First Lieut. R. H. Schubert,  
M. D., U. S. S. *New York*; First Lieut.  
J. D. Waller, Norfolk, Va.; First Lieut.  
M. Y. Yandle, M. D., U. S. S. *Texas*.

Officers who are at present on duty at  
sea or in a foreign country will be or-  
dered to the United States in time for  
the course.

## REENLISTMENTS

Johnson, Arnold R., Washington, D. C.,  
1-13-25, H. R., for West Coast.  
Liermane, William F., New York, N.  
Y., 1-14-25, H. R., for Haiti.  
McGahuey, Sherman F., Seattle, Wash.,  
1-5-25, for M. B., Puget Sound, Wash.  
Benjamin, Allen S., Los Angeles,  
Calif., 12-19-24, for M. B., San Diego,  
Calif.

Smith, Plaut H., Quantico, Va., 1-13-  
25, for M. B., Quantico, Va.

Hatch, Dennis R., Richmond, Va., 1-  
16-25, for N. M. D., Yorktown, Va.

Newton, Chas. E., Baltimore, Md., 1-  
13-25, for M. B., Philadelphia, Pa.

Walker, Roy, Richmond, Va., 1-14-25,  
for Rectg., Richmond, Va.

Evans, Chas. M., Akron, Ohio, 1-16-25,  
H. R., for West Coast.

Fels, Thomas W., New York, N. Y.,

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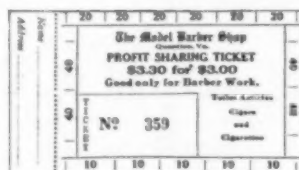
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 Day, Howard J., St. Louis, Mo., 1-14-25, for M. B., Norfolk, Va.  
 Roberts, Sterling P., Kansas City, 1-15-25, for M. B., San Diego, Calif.  
 Lewis, John, San Diego, Calif., 12-29-24, for M. B., San Diego, Calif.  
 Thompson, James C., Sacramento, Calif., 1-10-25, for M. B., San Diego, Calif.  
 Downes, Robert T., U. S. S. *California*, 1-8-25, for M. D., U. S. S. *California*.  
 Lenn, Clarence, Washington, D. C., 1-14-25, for M. B., Quantico, Va.  
 Meacham, Henry C., Washington, D. C., 1-14-25, for M. F. F., Quantico, Va.  
 Johnson, Amos S., Washington, D. C., 1-15-25, for West Coast.  
 Murphy, Vincent E., Newark, N. J., 1-15-25, for M. B., New York.  
 Michalek, Simon, Philadelphia, Pa., 1-15-25, for Depot, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Campbell, Jesse E., Forth Worth, Texas, 1-13-25, for M. B., Quantico, Va.  
 Johnson, Lewis E., Atlanta, Ga., 1-14-25, for Rectg., Atlanta, Ga.  
 Hood, Willie R., New Orleans, La., 1-13-25, for M. B., New Orleans, La.

#### LOCATION AND PROSPECTIVE MOVEMENTS OF N. T. S. VESSELS

U. S. S. *Beaufort* at Philadelphia. Due to sail for Hampton Roads on January 12. Will sail from Hampton Roads on January 24 for the West Indies.  
 U. S. S. *Chaumont* arrived at Mare Island on January 6 for overhaul. Next

trip to Pearl Harbor, Guam and Manila, on March 1.

U. S. S. *Henderson* arrived Guantanamo on January 12, on West Indies trip. Due to return to Hampton Roads on January 25, and Quantico on January 28. Will proceed to the Navy Yard, Philadelphia, via Hampton Roads, for overhaul period.

U. S. S. *Kittery* arrived at Norfolk Navy Yard on December 23, for overhaul. Next trip from Hampton Roads to West Indies on February 11.

U. S. S. *Nitro* arrived at Pearl Harbor on January 12. Upon completion of discharge will proceed to Puget Sound.

U. S. S. *Orion* sailed from Cristobal on January 10 for Hampton Roads, due to arrive at Hampton Roads on January 17. Will then proceed to Navy Yard, Norfolk, for overhaul period.

U. S. S. *Ramapo* arrived at San Pedro on January 6.

U. S. S. *Sapelo* sailed from Beaumont on January 12 for Guantanamo, via Sabine, Texas. Due to arrive at Guantanamo on January 16, leave Guantanamo on January 18, arrive at Norfolk on January 24. Will then proceed to Navy Yard, Norfolk, for overhaul.

U. S. S. *Sirius* arrived at Norfolk Navy Yard on December 22, for overhaul.

#### EXTENSIONS OF ENLISTMENT

Q. M. Sgt. Joseph Waldemar Olson, Central Recruiting Division, extended four years, effective on June 10, 1926.

First Sgt. Patrick Harold Tobin, First Aviation Group, Quantico, Va., extended for two years, effective on July 14, 1925.

#### TENTATIVE SAILINGS

U. S. S. *Henderson* from Quantico, Va., to the West Coast on March 7.

U. S. S. *Sirius* from Hampton Roads, Va., to the West Coast on March 15.

U. S. S. *Rainbow* from San Francisco, to the East Coast on January 27.

U. S. S. *Vega* from Puget Sound, to the East Coast on February 19.

U. S. S. *Henderson* from Honolulu, to the East Coast on May 2.

U. S. S. *Henderson* from Annapolis, to Honolulu on June 4.

U. S. S. *Beaufort* from Hampton Roads, to the West Indies on January 24.

U. S. S. *Kittery* from Hampton Roads, to the West Indies on February 11.

U. S. S. *Kittery* from Hampton Roads, to the West Indies on March 25.

U. S. S. *Chaumont* from San Francisco, to Manila on March 1.

U. S. S. *Brazos* from Boston, to Beaumont on January 14.

U. S. S. *Sapelo* from Hampton Roads, to Canal Zone on February 10.

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## MARINES CAPTURED JOHN BROWN

(Continued from page 9)

The Marines went into action ready to give John his preference. First they tried to batter down the door. It failed to give way. They threw aside hammers, seized a long ladder and used it for a battering ram and forced a small aperture in the door, at the same time rolling back the engine a short distance.

What happened in the next few moments is related by Capt. Dangerfield, one of Brown's prisoners, who says he

stood within three feet of the raider when the Marines burst in the door.

"Lieut. Greene, of the Marines, forced his way through the aperture, jumped on top of the engine and stood a second amid a shower of balls, looking for John Brown.

## What He Did to John

"When he saw Brown he sprang about twelve feet at him, giving an under-thrust of his sword, striking Brown about midway of the body, and raising him completely from the ground. Brown fell forward, with his head between his knees, while Greene struck him several times over the head, and, as I then supposed, split his skull at every stroke.

"Of course I got out of the building as quickly as possible and did not know until some time later that Brown was not killed.

"It seems that Greene's sword, in making the thrust, struck Brown's belt and did not penetrate the body. The sword was bent double. The reason that Brown was not killed when struck on the head was that Greene was holding the sword in the middle, striking with the hilt and making only scalp wounds."

Brown and others of his followers who were not killed in the raid on the engine-house were taken to Charlestown, W. Va., where Brown was tried, convicted and hanged, the execution taking place the following December. A writer of the time says that one of those who witnessed the hanging of Brown was John Wilkes Booth, who was in Charlestown with Company F of the Richmond, Va., militia. Booth afterward assassinated President Lincoln.

## Two Sons Killed

Brown's widow had his body removed to North Elba, N. Y.—up in the Adirondacks—where two of his sons who fell in the Harpers' Ferry affair were afterward taken and buried beside their father.

I don't know if John Brown's body is still "a-mouldering" and I sincerely hope his soul is enjoying the tranquillity it apparently didn't enjoy in earlier years. I might paraphrase a line of Marc Antony's and say: "I come to bury John Brown—not to praise him."

I plead guilty to resurrecting the story to give full credit to one Israel Greene and his bunch of Leathernecks who materially hastened John Brown's demise 'way back in 1859.

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